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Robert D. STUDDIFORD et al.

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Examiner: G. Baxter

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam/Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 4, 2006 (Paper No./ Mail Date 20060717), for which a response was due on November 4, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to Monday, February 05, 2007 (February 4, 2007 fell on a Sunday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.